



Royal
Russell

Headmaster's Weekly Newsletter

19 June 2020

Dear Parents and Friends,

New Year 7 Induction

One of the highlights of this week was the Year 7 Pupil and Parent induction event which we ran on Wednesday. We have 95 new pupils joining the Senior School in this year group and it was great for them to be able to connect with their peers and their House Teams in preparation for their return in September. The event concluded with a lively open question session with parents and I was very pleased to be joined by Mrs Hart and our new Deputy Head Learning, Mrs Snelgrove, to help with the answers!

We held a very successful event for Year 9 Pupils on Wednesday afternoon organised by the History Department to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. Marcel Ladenheim, who spent his early life in wartime Paris, spoke to Year 9 pupils about his experiences. Year 9 pupils Amber, Jiya, Harrison, Max, Lamy and Bethany were all congratulated for their positive contributions and questions, at the end of his virtual presentation.

It has been wonderful to welcome some of our Year 12 Pupils back to the site this week for some face to face teaching. There has been some great creativity, ingenuity and flexibility shown by many staff to ensure that their lessons have been super successful and it will certainly help us to enhance the experience for Year 10 returning to the site for some teaching next week. Year 10 families have been sent separate information regarding the arrangements for this and on Monday 22 June, we will be welcoming those pupils in Year 10 Maths Sets 1, 2a & 2b who are able to attend.

Plans for some face to face time for Year 7, 8 and 9 Pupils

Looking at the new [UK Government guidelines issued on Monday 15 June](#), there is a clear opportunity for us to bring Year 9, 8 and 7 back for some 1:1 face-to-face time on site before the end of term.

"We know that secondary schools are keen to invite pupils in other year groups in for a face-to-face meeting before the end of this term, where it would be beneficial. As long as this happens in line with this and wider protective measures guidance, and guidance on the numbers of pupils permitted on-site at any one time, we would encourage this where possible. This time can be used to check-in on pupils, and ensure they are supported before a return to school from September or moving into employment or the next stage of education."

Following endorsement by Governors at the Board Meeting this morning, we are now advancing plans for these 1:1 meetings for Year 7, 8 & 9 to occur and will share further details with you on Monday.

The key focus will be a 1:1, 15 minute meeting with the Tutor (HoM/SSMT member if tutor unavailable) to discuss the end of year report.

The plan is to run these meetings during Period 1-7 on the following days.

Thursday 25 June	Year 9
Friday 26 June	Year 8
Thursday 2 July	Year 7

Royal Russell Day

Our exciting plans for Royal Russell Day on Saturday 27 June are taking shape and you should have received your invitation to join us online for this event which will be streamed from 10.30am. We will send out the link for this next week.

The Jazz Band were rehearsing 'Summertime' (in a socially distanced manner) this afternoon and I am looking forward to joining with you next Saturday to celebrate the successes of this year and to congratulate our superstar pupils on their tremendous achievements.

With best wishes,



C J Hutchinson
Headmaster





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Please join us for

Royal Russell Day

our celebration of this extraordinary year

PRESENTED VIRTUALLY

SATURDAY 27 JUNE

from 10:30am

Link to Follow

